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1. CN 2155645 Y, published February 9, 1994
2. JP 11-155184 A, published June 8, 1999
3. JP 2000-350292 A, published December 15, 2000

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of Chinese Office Action dated August 21, 2009 and Japanese Office Action dated September 9, 2009 from a foreign patent office in counterpart applications citing such documents together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communications indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. References US 6,359,370 B1, US 5,856,956 A, and US 4,140,936 also cited in the Chinese Office Action were previously cited by the Examiner in U.S. Office Actions dated July 9, 2007 and January 11, 2008 issued in the present application. References JP 2001-16692 and JP 2000-332313 also cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 9, 2008.

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